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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
8 AT SEATTLE

9 ANTONIO JOHNSON AND OLIVIA  
10 PULOKA,

11 Plaintiffs,

12 vs.

13 COLUMBIA DEBT RECOVERY, LLC dba  
14 GENESIS CREDIT MANAGEMENT, LLC,

15 Defendant.

NO. 2:20-cv-00573-RSM

**ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S  
UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR  
ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS**

16 This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiffs Antonio Johnson and Olivia Puloka's  
17 Motions for Attorney's Fees and Costs. Dkt. #34. This Motion is unopposed by Defendant.  
18 Dkt. #35. The Court previously ruled that Plaintiffs were entitled to their attorney's fees and  
19 costs pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k. Dkt. #32.

20 District courts have broad discretion to determine the reasonableness of fees. *Gates v.*  
21 *Deukmejian*, 987 F.2d 1392, 1398 (9th Cir. 1992). To make this determination, courts determine  
22 the "lodestar amount," which is calculated by multiplying the number of hours reasonably  
23 expended by a reasonable hourly rate. *Camacho v. Bridgeport Fin., Inc.*, 523 F.3d 973, 978 (9th  
Cir. 2008). The lodestar figure is presumptively a reasonable fee award. *Id.* at 977. The court

1 may adjust the lodestar figure up or down based upon the factors listed in *Kerr v. Screen Extras*  
2 *Guild, Inc.*, 526 F.2d 67, 70 (9th Cir. 1975). The court need not consider the *Kerr* factors,  
3 however, unless necessary to support the reasonableness of the fee award. *Cairns v. Franklin*  
4 *Mint Co.*, 292 F.3d 1139, 1158 (9th Cir. 2002).

5 The Court finds that the hourly rates of \$460 for Mr. Anderson and \$405 for Mr. Santiago  
6 are reasonable based on the experience, skill, and education of each attorney. The Court finds  
7 that the hours incurred by Plaintiffs' counsel (28.9 hours for Mr. Anderson and 95.2 hours for  
8 Mr. Santiago) were reasonable, and in any event are unopposed by Defendant.

9 The Court finds that the costs requested, \$531.59, were reasonable and necessarily  
10 incurred by Plaintiffs in the successful prosecution of this case. For the sake of judicial  
11 economy, the Court awards these costs now in the amount of \$531.59.

12 Accordingly, having reviewed the Motion, attached declarations and exhibits, and the  
13 remainder of the record, the Court hereby FINDS and ORDERS:

- 14 1. Plaintiffs' Motion, Dkt. #34, is GRANTED. Defendant Columbia Debt Recovery,  
15 LLC shall pay the total amount of \$52,381.59 (calculated as \$51,850.00 in attorney's  
16 fees and \$531.59 in costs) to Anderson Santiago, PLLC within 30 days of this order.
- 17 2. If the amount remains unpaid after the passage of 30 days, Plaintiffs may apply to this  
18 Court to reduce this order to a judgment, including a request for any fees or costs  
19 incurred in doing so.

20 DATED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

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22 RICARDO S. MARTINEZ  
23 CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE